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International Military Agenda





ESP CHOD pays official visit to Tunisia to enhance bilateral defence ties

Admiral López Calderón has held several work meetings with tunisian Minister for Defense, Armed Forces' Inspector General and Navy's Chief of Staff.

ESP CHOD took advantage to present the Grand Cross of Aeronautical Merit to General Belaati "for his valuable collaboration with Spain, his dedication and his personal and professional commitment".



ESP CHOD visits Spanish troops deployed within Operation ATALANTA in Djibouti

Admiral general López Calderón has visited Detachment 'Orion'; and frigate F-85 'Navarra', docked at the port of Djibouti. In both visits ESP CHOD was briefed on the capabilities and duties carried out in Operation Atalanta.

During his visit, ESP CHOD held two separate meetings with French Forces' Commander in Djibouti, general Stéphane Dupont, and also with Commander of Joint-Combined Force in the Horn of Africa (CJTF HoA), US Army general, William Zana.



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eFP Latvia



The ninth Spanish rotation within the eFP mission in Latvia begins its journey

Brigade 'Extremadura' XI has just started a new stage leading enhance Forward Presence (eFP) IX rotation, after the transfer of authority ceremony, which has taken place at Adazi base in Latvia. Troops from brigade 'Aragon' I have been handed over after six months of hard work leading eFP VIII rotation.

This is the third time that brigade 'Extremadura' XI leads the Spanish contingent in Latvia.

NATO Mission Irak (NMI)





Spanish Armed Forces stick to their commitment to NATO Mission Irak

Over the course of August took place the HOTO ceremony within the Spanish contingent and, also, within the NATO mission. General Carlos María Salgado Romero has become commander of the Spanish troops deployed in Irak, as well as Nato Mission Irag (NMI) Chief of Staff.

Spain keeps more than two hundred troops deployed in the region as part of its commitment to NATO mission Irak and multinational Operation 'Inherent Resolve'.

Operation Sea Guardian





Spanish Navy's submarine 'Tramontana' joins Operation Sea Guardian

S-74 'Tramontana' has set off from Cartagena (Murcia) to join Operation Sea Guardian (OSG). This is the fifth time that this submarine has taken part in this NATO operation.

For over a month, the submarine will contribute to counter terrorism on Mediterranean waters. Once again, the deployment of S-74 'Tramontana' reflects Spain's commitment to NATO in the pursuit of maritime security.



EUTM - RCA



<u>A new Spanish Officer takes over as EUTM-RCA</u> Chief of Staff

'Camp Moana', headquarters of the European Union Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) hosted the HOTO ceremony between Spanish Colonels Miguel A. Hernanz Moral and José M. González Rodríguez, as Chief of Staff of the mission.

The Spanish Army fill in several important positions, among them, EUTM-RCA Chief of Staff and the heads of the Intelligence and Plans branches.

EUNAVFOR ATALANTA





Spain takes the lead of naval and air forces within Operation Atalanta

The HOTO ceremony took place in the port of Djibouti, on board the Italian warship 'Carabiniere' and was chaired by Operation Atalanta's Commander, vice admiral José María Núñez Torrente.

The ceremony was attended by a small number of guests, due to the restrictions posed by the pandemic, with the 37th Rotation of the embarked General Staff (FHQ) and Carabiniere's crew among the attendees.

EUTM - Mali





Spain's NH-90 helicopters deployed to Mali conduct a casevac exercise along with allied EUTM troops. (Youtube Video)

Spain's Defence Staff HQ has multiple channels to disseminate stratcom, like its own Youtube channel, where everyone can get an approach to all operations and deployments where the Spanish Armed Forces are involved in.

In this video, you can watch selected footages about the tactical use of Spanish NH-90 helicopters deployed to Mali.







UNIFIL (Lebanon)





Spain's minister of Defence visits Lebanon to conmemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the Spanish deployment within UNIFIL

Margarita Robles, accompanied by ESP CHOD, paid a two-day visit to the Spanish troops stationed in Lebanon, on the 15th anniversary of the Spanish mission in the country. Spain leads UNIFIL's Sector East.

Robles stressed, "it would be very important for us to take command of the mission next year", while underlining Spain's "strong commitment to peace and to the United Nations".

Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map















